

REMARKS

Figure 4 is objected to for not having clear, clean and crisp lines. A replacement sheet is included for Figure 4.

Claim 9 is objected to because the Examiner states it is not clear if Applicant is claiming two vehicle bodies or one. Claim 9 has been amended to address this objection.

Claims 2-10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rieder (EP 0262283). Rieder does not disclose a lug including a second part defining a plane for fixing to a vehicle body and a screwing direction that is a normal line substantially perpendicular to the plane that is inclined relative to a window-guiding direction. The Examiner is calling the parts 15 and 21 the second part. The claimed invention recites that the guide rail defines the window-guiding direction.

The Examiner is interpreting that the window-guiding direction is vertical (as shown in the Examiner's annotated figure). Figure 1 of Rieder shows that the guide rail 3 is inclined relative to the vertical at an angle α . The window-guiding direction of Rieder is parallel to the guide rail 3. A normal line relative to the parts 15 and 21 would be substantially parallel to the window-guiding direction and not inclined relative to the window-guiding direction as claimed.

The window-guiding direction is always parallel to the screwing direction. As shown in Figures 2, the left-most dotted line represents the window-guiding direction, and the right-most dotted line represents the screwing direction. As shown in Figures 3, the right-most dotted line represents the window-guiding direction, and the left-most dotted line represents the screwing direction. As shown, the dotted lines are parallel. Rieder does not disclose that the screwing direction is inclined relative to a window-guiding direction, and the claimed invention is novel. Applicant respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

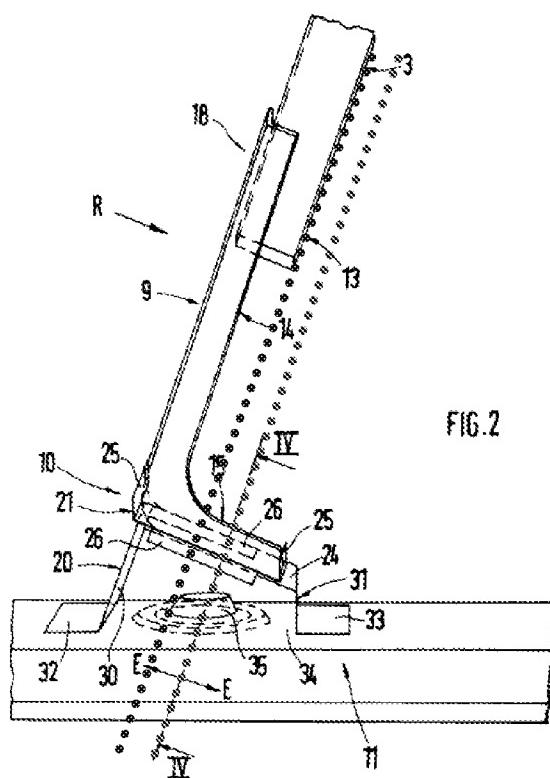


FIG. 2

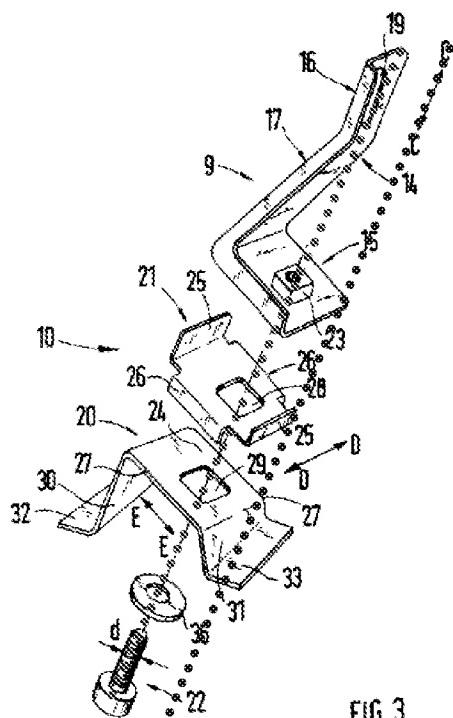


FIG. 3

No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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